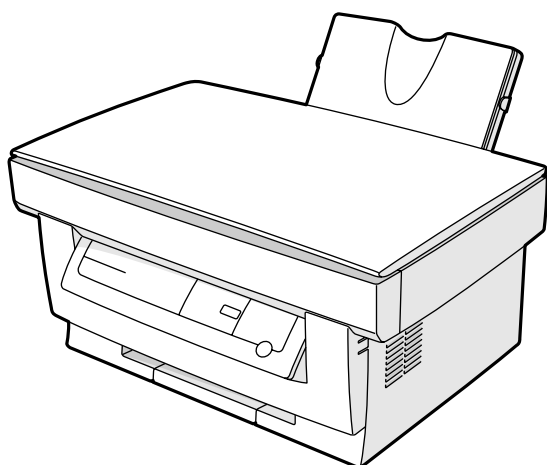


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INTRODUCTION

The AL-840 can be used as a copier and a laser printer. This manual describes only the printer features of the AL-840. To use the AL-840 as a copier and to learn additional information which relates to both the copier and printer features, see the copier manual. To get full use of all printer features, familiarize yourself with this manual.

For quick reference during printer use, keep this manual in a handy location.

Conventions used in this manual

In this manual, the following icons are used to provide the user with information pertinent to the use of the machine.



Warning

Warns the user that injury to the user or damage to the machine may result if the contents of the warning are not properly followed.



Caution

Cautions the user that damage to the machine or one of its components may result if the contents of the caution are not properly followed.



Note

Notes provide information relevant to the machine regarding specifications, functions, performance, operation and such, that may be useful to the user.



Note

- When you try to execute printing while copying is being performed, printing will be executed after copying is finished.
- When you try to make a copy while printing is being performed, printing will be interrupted and you can make a copy. Printing will be resumed after copying is finished.

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Making floppy disks from CD-ROM

The printer driver data in the CD-ROM can be copied to floppy disks.

Windows 95/Windows 98/Windows NT 4.0:

- 1** Insert the installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive.
- 2** Double-click **My Computer**, **AI_800** (CD-ROM), and **Makedisk**.
- 3** Double-click **Makedisk.exe**.
- 4** Follow the on-screen instructions.

Windows 3.1x:

- 1** Insert the installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive.
- 2** Double-click the **File Manager** in the Main window of Program Manager and select **CD-ROM** and the **Makedisk** directory.
- 3** Double-click **Makedisk.exe**.
- 4** Follow the on-screen instructions.

MAIN FEATURES

① Printing from Windows 3.1x, Windows 95, Windows 98, and Windows NT 4.0 applications

- High-speed and high-quality printing can be performed from Windows 3.1x, Windows 95, Windows 98, and Windows NT 4.0 applications through the SHARP GDI (Graphics Device Interface) system.
- Since print data are processed in the computer, waiting time during printing is short.

② Printing from multiple computers through “Smart Sharing” (small-scale sharing)

- Since the AL-840 is equipped with two parallel interface connectors, it can be connected to two computers simultaneously.
- Automatic interface switching allows easy print operation which can be executed only from each computer.

③ High image quality printing with resolution of 1,800 dpi equivalent x 600 dpi through Super Image Enhancement Technology (SIET)

- The printer is equipped with the Super Image Enhancement Technology (SIET) which implements high image quality printing with resolution of 1,800 dpi equivalent x 600 dpi. Small characters and fine images can be printed clearly.

INSTALLING THE PRINTER DRIVER SOFTWARE

Description of the printer driver

The printer driver is the software program which runs the printer. It converts the data in your file into information that the printer can understand. It also controls communication between the printer and computer as the data is printed.

Checking the hardware and software requirements

You will need the following hardware and software in order to install the printer driver.

Computer type	IBM PC/AT or compatible computer equipped with a bi-directional parallel interface and CD-ROM
Windows type	Windows 3.1x, Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT 4.0
CPU	486DX 66MHz or better
Physical RAM	Windows 95, Windows 3.1x: 8 MB (16 MB or more is recommended.) Windows NT 4.0: 12MB (16MB or more is recommended.) Windows 98: 16MB (32MB or more is recommended.)
Virtual storage (swap file)	8 MB or more
Display	640 x 480 dots (VGA) or better
Hard disk free space	10 MB or more



Caution

The printer driver included in this product cannot be used under Windows NT 3.5x, OS/2, pure MS-DOS and other operating systems which are not described above.



Note

If you are using some of your computer's memory as a RAM drive, the printer driver may not be allocated the correct amount of memory. In such a case, reduce the size of your RAM disk, or do not use the RAM disk. Please refer to your MS Windows documentation for further information.

Installing the printer driver

The software for your printer is provided on CD-ROM which was packed with your laser printer. Before installing the printer driver, be sure to check the following items.

- Is the printer connected properly to the computer?
- Does the printer have paper?
- Is there another GDI printer driver or Windows Printing System printer driver already installed? If installed, change the printer port setting. For the change of the printer port setting, see **USING OTHER INSTALLED DRIVERS** on page 21.

In this description, the following drive configuration is supposed. Specify proper drives depending on the configuration of your computer.

Drive R: CD-ROM drive (installation source)

Drive C: Hard disk drive (installation destination)

Windows 95/Windows NT 4.0:

- 1 Load paper into the paper tray of the printer. For loading of paper, see the section on **LOADING COPY PAPER** in the copier operation manual.
- 2 Turn on the printer.
- 3 Turn on your computer and start Windows.



Note

Before installing the printer driver, be sure to close all other applications which may be open.

- 4 When using Windows 95 on a personal computer with plug & play*, the “Update Device Driver Wizard” window will appear. Insert the installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. Click the **Next** button and follow the on-screen instructions. Proceed to step 7. If the “Copying Files” window appears during this operation, enter **R:** (if the CD-ROM is designated as drive R) and click the **OK** button.



- If you use Windows 95 and the “New Hardware Found” window will appear, click the **Driver from Disk Provided by Hardware Manufacturer** button and then click **OK**. Proceed to step 6.
- If you use Windows 95 and the screen shown above or the “New Hardware Found” window does not appear, proceed to step 5.
- If you use Windows NT 4.0, proceed to step 5.

★ Plug & play

This feature is effective if both the computer and peripheral equipment are equipped with IEEE 1284 compliant parallel interface.



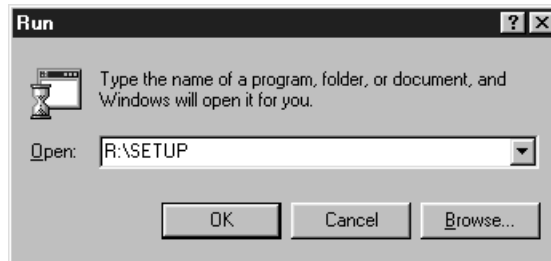
Note

The screen displayed depends on the version of Windows.

5

Insert the installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive.

Click the **Start** button and select **Run**. When the screen shown below appears, type **R:\SETUP** (if the CD-ROM is designated as drive R) and click the **OK** button. Proceed to step 7.



6

"Install From Disk" window will appear. Insert the installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. Type **R:** (if the CD-ROM is designated as drive R) and click the **OK** button. Proceed to step 7.



7

The installation program will start. To install the printer driver to the default folder, click the **Next** button. To select a different folder, select **Browse** and type in the new path and folder name. Click **OK** and say **YES** to create the folder, select the **Next** button to continue.

8

On the display, you will see "printer port to be used". Normally, this is LPT1 and it is selected automatically.

Ensure that **Yes** is checked to use the printer as the default printer.

Finally click the **Next** button.

9

A "Confirm installation" window will be displayed. To continue installation, click the **Yes** button.

10

When the installation is complete, you will be asked whether or not to print a test page. If you wish to do so, click the **Yes** button. At this time, ensure that paper is loaded in the paper tray.

11

If the test print completes successfully, click the **Finish** button. "The installation of the SHARP AL-800 Series Software is complete." window will be displayed. Click the **OK** button.



Note

If you have any problem with the test print, see **TROUBLESHOOTING** on page 18 and check the symptoms and solutions. Print the test page again after removing the problem.

Windows 98:

- 1 Load paper into the paper tray of the printer. For loading of paper, see the section on **LOADING COPY PAPER** found in the copier operation manual.
- 2 Turn on the printer.
- 3 Turn on your computer and start Windows.



Note

Before installing the printer driver, be sure to close all other applications which may be open.

- 4 When using Windows 98 on a personal computer with plug & play*, the “Add New Hardware Wizard” window will appear. Click the **Next** button and follow the on-screen instructions.
 - If the “Add New Hardware Wizard” window does not appear, proceed to step 8.

*Plug & play: For plug & play information, see page 5.



- 5 Select **Search for the best driver for your device** and click the **Next** button.

- 6 Insert the installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. Select the **CD-ROM drive** and click the **Next** button.



7

Windows driver file search will find the device “SHARP AL-800 Series”. Click the **Next** button. Proceed to step 9.

8

Insert the installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. Click the **Start** button and select **Run**. When the window shown below appears, type **R:\SETUP** (if the CD-ROM is designated as drive R) and click the **OK** button. Proceed to step 9.



9

The installation program will start. To select a different folder, select **Browse** and type in the path and folder name where the printer driver will be installed. Click **OK** and say **YES** to create the folder, select the **Next** button to continue. To install the printer driver to the default folder, click the **Next** button.

10

On the display, you will see “printer port to be used”. Normally, this is LPT1 and it is selected automatically. Ensure that **Yes** is checked to use the printer as the default printer. Finally click the **Next** button.

11

A “Confirm installation” window will be displayed. To continue installation, click the **Yes** button.

12

When the installation is complete, you will be asked whether or not to print a test page. If you wish to do so, click the **Yes** button. At this time, ensure that paper is loaded in the paper tray.

13

If the test print completes successfully, click the **Finish** button. “The installation of the SHARP AL-800 Series Software is complete.” window will be displayed. Click the **OK** button.



Note

If you have any problem with the test print, see **TROUBLESHOOTING** on page 18.

Windows 3.1x:

1 Load paper into the paper tray of the printer. For loading of paper, see the section on **LOADING COPY PAPER** in the copier operation manual.

2 Turn on the printer and then start Windows on your computer.



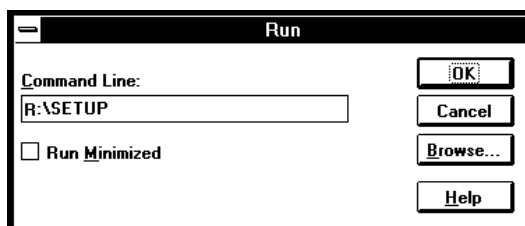
Note

Before installing the printer driver, be sure to close all other applications which may be open.

3 Insert the installation CD-ROM into a CD-ROM drive.

4 Choose **File** from the Menu bar in Program Manager, and then choose the **Run...** command.

5 Type **R:\SETUP** (if the CD-ROM is designated as drive R) in the command line box and then click the **OK** button.



6 Select a directory to which the printer driver will be installed and click the **Next** button. To install it to the default directory, click the **Next** button.

7 A "printer port to be used" window will be displayed. Normally, LPT1 is automatically set.

Then ensure that **Yes** is checked to use this printer as the default printer.

Click the **Next** button.

8 A "Confirm installation" window will be displayed. To continue installation, click **Yes**.

9 When the installation is complete, click the **Yes** button. Then restart Windows.

“AL-800 Series” printer driver group

When the printer driver is installed, the SHARP AL-800 Series printer driver group will be created. This group allows the following functions to be executed.



DOS Emulation HELP



DOS Emulation Setup

See page 16.



Readme

The latest information on the printer driver is included in this note. Read the Readme first.



Status Monitor HELP



Status Monitor

The printer state and information on current printing are displayed on the status monitor window. For details, see **STATUS MONITOR** on page 19.



Uninstall AL-800 Series

The printer driver can be uninstalled. If the driver is uninstalled, printing cannot be performed on the printer.
For proper uninstallation, be sure to use uninstallation program of the printer driver group.



Note

Be sure to read “Readme” found in the printer driver group before starting to print from application programs.

2 PRINTING

PRINTING A PAGE

The printing method is described below. Read the description with the operation manual for the application to be used.



Caution

- Before you can use your printer, you must install the printer driver which has been supplied with the printer. Once this software has been installed, you can control the printing of your documents from the printer driver which appears on your computer screen. See **INSTALLING THE PRINTER DRIVER SOFTWARE** on page 4.
- When using multiple printers, you must change the printer setting from the control panel to change the printer to be used. This printer cannot be used with other GDI printers and printers that use the Windows Printing System. For details, see **USING OTHER INSTALLED DRIVERS** on page 21.

Executing printing

1

Ensure that paper of the desired size is loaded in the paper tray. (See the section on **LOADING COPY PAPER** in the copier operation manual.)



Note

To print onto special paper, feed it one sheet at a time.

2

Turn on the printer. The ready (Ⓢ) indicator will light up.

3

Select the settings for printing such as the number of sets and paper type from the application. See **SETTING PRINT CONDITIONS FROM PRINTER DRIVER** on page 12.



Caution

Before printing, ensure that the AL-800 series has been selected as the printer.

4

Print the file from your software application.



Note

- If copying is being performed when printing is initiated, copying will continue. After copying is complete, printing will be executed when the clear (Ⓢ) key is pressed twice or approximately 60 seconds (auto clear time)* elapse.
* The auto clear time varies with a user program setting. See the copier operation manual.
- Preheat mode and auto power shut-off mode will be canceled when printing is started.

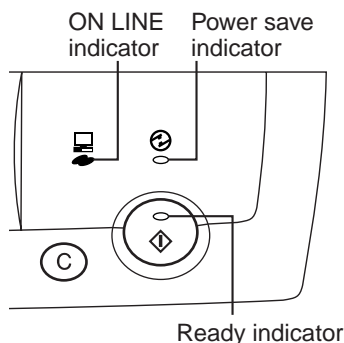


Note

- If the paper size specified from the software application is larger than the paper size in the printer, the image may be printed onto two sheets of paper.
- If the paper size specified from the software application is larger than the paper size in the printer, part of the image that is not transferred to the paper may remain on the surface of the drum. In this case, the other side the paper may become dirty. If this occurs, change to the correct size paper and print two or three pages to clean the image.

Indicators on the operation panel

The ON LINE indicator and the ready (⬠) indicator indicate the state of the printer.



Ready indicator

- On: Indicates the printer is ready for printing (on line), data is being received from a computer or printing is being performed.
- Off: Indicates copying is being performed or the printer is in the auto power shut-off mode.

ON LINE indicator

- On: Indicates the printer is ready for printing (on line) or printing is being performed.
- Blinking: Indicates copier setting is being performed during printing or data is being received from a computer.
- Off: Copying is being performed.

Power save indicator

- On: Indicates the printer is in a power save mode.

SETTING PRINT CONDITIONS FROM PRINTER DRIVER

The setting method and setting items of the printer driver are described below.
Before setting the printer driver, check the following items.

- The AL-800 series printer driver has been installed in the computer to be used. If not, see **INSTALLING THE PRINTER DRIVER SOFTWARE** on page 4.
- The AL-800 series has been selected as the default printer on the computer to be used.

Windows 95/Windows 98/Windows NT 4.0:

1

Click the **Start** button of the computer and then select **Printers** from Settings.

2

If you use Windows 95/Windows 98, right-click the **SHARP AL-800 Series** icon in the Printer folder and select **Properties** in the menu.
If you use Windows NT 4.0, right-click the **SHARP AL-800 Series** icon in the Printer folder and select **Document defaults** in the menu.



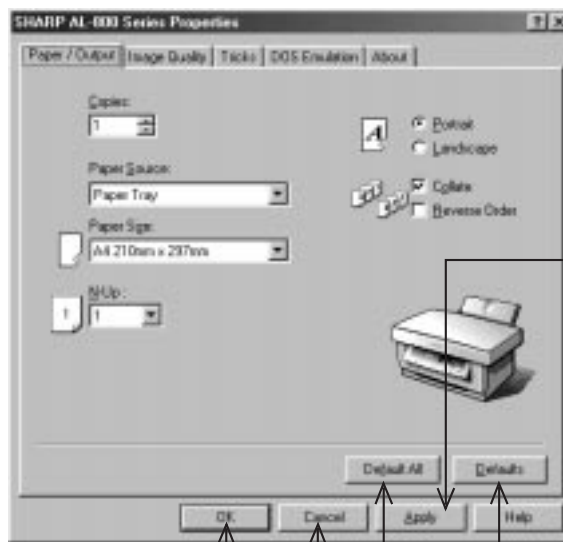
Note

For this description, it is assumed that the mouse is configured for right hand operation.

3

The properties of the SHARP AL-800 Series printer driver will be displayed. If you use Windows 95/Windows 98, click the **Driver Setup** tab to display the following screen.

* Screen on Windows 95



Apply button

The settings which have been selected by each tab will be saved.
*This button is not displayed on the Windows NT4.0.

OK button

All driver settings which have been selected by each tab will be saved and the properties will be terminated.

Cancel button

The settings which have been selected by each tab will be canceled and the properties will be terminated.
However, the settings which have been saved will not be canceled.

Defaults button

The settings which have been selected by each tab will be returned to their default state.

Default All button

All settings which have been selected by all tabs will be returned to their default state.

2

Printing

Windows 3.1x:

- 1 Double-click the **Print Manager** icon in the Main window of Program Manager.
- 2 Select **Options** in the Print Manager and then select **Printer Setup**.
- 3 Select **SHARP AL-800 Series** in the Installed Printers: and click the **Setup** button.
- 4 The properties of the SHARP AL-800 Series will be displayed.

The following items can be set with the printer driver.

Paper/Output

Copies	Specifies the number of sets to be printed. Any number from 1 to 50 can be selected. (default setting: 1)
Paper Source	Specifies a paper feed station in the printer. (default setting: Paper Tray)
Paper Size*	Specifies the size of the paper to be printed. The paper sizes that can be selected are Letter, Legal, Invoice, A4, B5, A5, Folio, Foolscap, etc. (default setting: Letter or A4 depending on the countries or regions) * Custom sizes cannot be set for this printer.
Page orientation	Sets the page orientation. Portrait or Landscape can be selected. (default setting: Portrait)
Collate	Specifies collated printing or group printing. (default setting: collated)
Reverse Order	Specifies printing order. If reverse order is specified, printing will start from the last page. (default setting: selected)
N-Up	Multiple pages can be printed on a single sheet. Two pages or four pages can be selected. (default setting: 1 page)

Image Quality

Lighten/Darken	Any number from 0 to 100% can be set. (default setting: 50%)
Contrast	Any number from 0 to 100% can be set. (default setting: 50%)
Resolution	Specifies 300 dpi or 600 dpi. (default setting: 600 dpi)
Output Type	Specifies output type: Normal, Photograph, Text, Toner Save or Advanced. (default setting: Normal)

Tricks

The Tricks tab is used to accommodate programs that interface with printer drivers in non-standard ways. Most users need never access these options.

Color Document	Check this option if the application does not recognize the inherent color-handling capabilities of your printer. One application that requires this setting to be on is Microsoft PowerPoint. (default setting: mark)
Graphics	In general, if performance when rendering complex graphics is either very slow, or yields unsatisfactory output, you should try toggling setting. (default setting: mark)
Dither Text	With the Dither Text option on (default), your printer gives you accurate grays even if it has to dither them. You get exactly what you ask for. However, small dithered text is difficult to read. With the Dither Text option off, your printer maps text and lines to the nearest gray. (default setting: mark)
Dither Line	With the Dither Lines option on (default), your printer gives you accurate grays even if it has to dither them. You get exactly what you ask for. However, fine dithered lines appear dashed instead of solid. With the Dither Lines option off, your printer maps text and lines to the nearest gray. (default setting: mark)
Accept Larger Bitmap Pattern	When an application sends a bitmap fill pattern (also called a "pattern brush") to the printer, the expected, standard size is 8 pixels square. Some applications are able to send larger patterns. If Accept Larger Bitmap Pattern is on, and you encounter output where your bitmap fills have repeating pattern anomalies in them, try turning it off. (default setting: non-mark)
Scale	Your printer has a process that automatically enlarges the bitmap fill patterns so that the output more closely matches the screen. Scale 0: patterns that come from a VGA system (96x96 logical pixels per inch) are enlarged three times to (almost) match the 300x300 dpi of a laser printer. Scale 1: no scaling. You can also force your printer to scale by 2,3,4, or more times. (default setting: 0)
TrueType	Turning the TrueType checkbox on speeds up handling of TrueType fonts by sending them as text. With this option off, fonts are handled as graphics. If you are printing with characters found in language like Japanese or Chinese (also called double-byte characters), the True Type checkbox should be off. (default setting: mark)
Adobe Type manager	The Adobe Type Manager checkbox accesses a "back door" to ATM. Turning this option on uses this back door to speed up handling of Type 1 PostScript fonts by handling them as text. With this option turned off, fonts are handled as graphics. (default setting: non-mark)

DOS Emulation

A PCL4 DOS Emulation setup program can be started by clicking the **Setup** button. This is an independent program that configures the PCL4 DOS emulation.

DOS Emulation Setup

DOS Copies	Specifies the number of sets to be printed. Any number from 1 to 50 can be selected. (default setting: 1)
DOS Orientation	Sets the page orientation. Portrait or Landscape can be selected. (default setting: Portrait)
DOS Paper Source	Specifies a paper feed station in the printer. (default setting: Paper Tray)
DOS Paper Size	Specifies the size of paper to be printed. (default setting: Letter or A4 depending on the countries or regions)
DOS A4 Width	Specifies the number of columns in a line in the width direction of A4 size. (default setting: 77 Columns)
DOS Lines Per Page	Specifies the number of lines per page. (default setting: 60 lines or 64 lines depending on the countries or regions)
DOS Fonts	Specifies the font to be used for printing. (default setting: Courier Regular)
DOS Font Size	Specifies the font size. (default setting: 10 CPI)
DOS Symbol Set	Specifies the symbol set to be used for printing. (default setting: Roman-8)

About

There are no settings on the About tab page. This page displays the installed printer driver version and copyright statements.

PRINTING FROM AN MS-DOS APPLICATION

You can execute printing from an MS-DOS application which has been executed from the MS-DOS prompt in Windows.



Note

This printer can only print from applications run from the MS-DOS prompt in Windows. It cannot print when running in native MS-DOS mode.

Print setting from the MS-DOS prompt

Windows 95/Windows 98 has the item, "Spool MS-DOS print jobs" in the port settings. If this setting is not selected, the printer will not operate properly. Use the following procedure to check the setting.

- 1 Click the **Start** button.
- 2 Select **Settings** and then click **Printers**.
- 3 Right-click the **AL-800 Series** icon in the printer dialog box and click **Properties**.



Note

For this description, it is assumed that the mouse is configured for right hand operation.

- 4 Click the **Details** tab in the Properties dialog box.
- 5 Click the **Port Settings** button.
- 6 Check that "**Spool MS-DOS print jobs**" is checked in the port setting dialog box.

Settings on the front panel

Paper size, tray selection, and other options are set from the front panel. Use the following procedure to start the front panel.

Windows 95/Windows 98/Windows NT 4.0:

- 1 Click **Start, Program, SHARP AL-800 Series, and DOS Emulation Setup**.

Windows 3.1x:

- 1 Double-click the **DOS Emulation Setup** icon in the SHARP AL-800 Series in Program Manager.

Software printer setting

Set your MS-DOS application to use the following model printer.

HP LaserJet Series II (PCL4)

If this printer is not listed on the application's printer setup, choose a PCL4 compatible printer.

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PRINTER TROUBLE?

TROUBLESHOOTING

Some problems in the AL-840 are common to both the copier and printer features, so also check **TROUBLESHOOTING** of the copier operation manual.

Printing problems



Note

“Copier” in the column “See page:” indicates the description is in the copier operation manual.

Problem	Possible cause	Solution	See page:
Printer driver cannot be installed.	Hard disk free space is not sufficient for installation of the printer driver.	Delete unnecessary files and application software to increase hard disk free space. (The driver requires at least 10 MB free space.)	4
	The operating system is not proper.	Use Windows 3.1x, Windows 95, Windows 98 or Windows NT 4.0.	4
Paper does not feed into the printer.	Paper is not set correctly.	Insert the paper correctly.	Copier*1
	Too much paper in the paper tray.	Remove excessive paper from the paper tray. For envelopes, transparency film, and labels, feed one sheet at a time.	Copier*1
The printer does not print.	The interface cable might not be connected properly.	Check the interface connection.	Copier*2
	The interface cable is defective.	Check the cable with a computer and printer which you know work. If printing is still not possible, the interface cable is defective.	—
	The port setting is incorrect.	Check the printer settings in the Windows Control panel to make sure that the print job is being sent to the correct port (for example, LPT1).	4
	The TD cartridge or drum cartridge is not installed properly.	Ensure that the TD cartridge and drum cartridge are installed properly.	—
	The printer may be configured incorrectly.	Check the application to make sure that all the print settings are correct.	—
	The printer driver may be incorrectly installed.	Reinstall the printer driver software and try printing a test page.	4

Problem	Possible cause	Solution	See page:
The printer prints wrong data or incorrect characters.	The interface cable might not be connected properly.	Check the interface cable connection.	Copier*2
	The interface cable specifications may be incorrect.	Use the interface cable included with the AL-840. See the parallel interface specifications.	25
Printing is too slow.	If using Windows 3.1x, Print manager may be disabled.	Double-click the Printers icon in Control Panel and check the Use Print Manager box.	—
	There may be too many applications open.	Close all unnecessary applications before printing.	—
	RAM disk is used in the computer.	Reduce the RAM disk size or do not use the RAM disk.	—
	The resolution is set to 600 dpi.	Set the resolution to 300 dpi.	14
	The computer may have insufficient random-access memory (RAM).	Install more random-access memory (RAM) in your computer.	—

*1 See the section on **LOADING COPY PAPER**.

*2 See the section on **CONNECTING THE INTERFACE CABLE**.

STATUS MONITOR

When printing starts, the status monitor screen will appear on the computer display. The status monitor displays the printer state and information on the current print job.

The status monitor displays the following types of messages, Normal, Warning and Fault. If an error message appears, check the message description below and perform the listed task.



Note

“Copier” in the column “See page:” indicates the description is in the copier operation manual.

Normal Messages

The following messages indicate the current state of the printer. Since the operation is normal, you need not take any measures.

Message	Description
Ready	The printer is idle and ready for the next print job.
Spooling or Printing in progress	A spooling or printing job is in progress.
Copying in progress	A copying job is in progress.

Warning Messages

Message	Solution	See page:
TD Cartridge is near Empty. Reorder a new cartridge and replace soon.	Running out of toner. While printing can continue, the print quality will be affected. Reorder a new TD cartridge and replace it.	Copier* ¹
Drum Cartridge is near End of Life. Reorder a new cartridge and replace soon.	The drum cartridge is nearly spent. While printing can continue, the print quality will be affected. Reorder a new cartridge and replace it soon.	Copier* ¹
Current job requires manual feeding. Special papers such as transparency film, envelope, and labels must be fed one sheet at a time.	Remove the paper from the paper tray. Feed paper one sheet at a time in accordance with the message on the computer.	—

*1: See the section on **SUPPLY PART NUMBERS AND STORAGE**.

Fault Messages

Message	Solution	See page:
Drum Cartridge is at End of Life. Replace empty Drum Cartridge with a new cartridge.	The drum cartridge is spent. Printing cannot continue until you replace the spent drum cartridge with a new cartridge.	Copier* ²
Close Front Cover	The front cover on the printer is open. Printing cannot continue until you close the cover.	—
Insert TD Cartridge into the machine	The TD cartridge is not in the printer. Insert a TD cartridge into the printer.	Copier* ³
Paper Jam	A piece of paper has misfed within the printer. Printing cannot continue until the misfed paper is removed.	Copier* ⁴
If the printer does not print, check the power switch and cable connection. If a second computer is attached and printing, close this dialog box and reprint from your application after the other job is finished.	Ensure that the power switch is turned on and the printer cable is securely connected. If another computer is printing on your printer, close this dialog box and restart printing from your application after the current job is finished.	—

Message	Solution	See page:
Check Paper Tray : Out of Paper or Misfeed	The paper tray is out of paper or the paper did not feed correctly. Printing cannot continue until you load the paper or clear the misfeed in the paper tray.	Copier*5
Service Error Switch Main Power OFF on the product. Wait approximately 5 seconds. Switch Main Power ON. If The Product Error continues, Contact your authorized SHARP Service Center.	The product has detected a fatal error condition and cannot continue. Make a note of any specific error conditions or codes. Then turn the product's main power switch to OFF. Wait for five seconds. Then turn the product's main power switch to ON. If the product error condition persists, please contact your authorized SHARP Service Center.	—
Communication Error The computer has lost communications with the products. Cancel the current operation, turn the product off, check the cable connection, then back on, retry the operation.	The computer has lost communications with the product. Cancel the current operation. Then turn the product's main power switch to OFF. Check the cable connections carefully. Wait five seconds, Then turn the product's main power switch to ON. Try the print job again. If the product communications error condition persists, please refer to the Operation manual.	—

*2: See the section on **DRUM CARTRIDGE REPLACEMENT**.

*3: See the section on **INSTALLING THE TD CARTRIDGE**.

*4: See the section on **MISFEED REMOVAL**.

*5: See the section on **LOADING COPY PAPER**.

USING OTHER INSTALLED DRIVERS

If you use another GDI printer or a Windows Printing System printer, interference between printers may occur and printing may not be performed properly.

To use another GDI printer or a Windows Printing System printer, you must change the port setting of the printer driver using the following procedure.



Note

If another printer does not operate properly when the AL-800 series printer driver is set to "FILE", uninstall the AL-800 series printer driver. To uninstall the driver, see **UNINSTALLING PRINTER DRIVER** on page 23.

Windows 95/Windows 98/Windows NT 4.0:

- 1 Click the **Start** button.
- 2 Select **Settings** and then click **Printers**.
- 3 Right-click the **AL-800 Series** icon in the printer dialog box and then click **Properties**.



Note

For this description, it is assumed that the mouse is configured for right hand operation.

- 4 Click the **Details** tab (**Ports** tab – on Windows NT4.0) in the Properties dialog box, select **FILE:** in the Print to the following port list box, and click the **OK** button.
- 5 Right-click the icon of the printer to be used and click **Properties**.
- 6 Click the **Details** tab (**Ports** tab – on Windows NT4.0) in the Properties window, select **LPT1** (or the currently used port), and click the **OK** button.



Note

To use the AL-800 series again, perform the same procedure but select the port to be used (for example, LPT1) in step 4.

Windows 3.1x:

- 1 Double-click the **Control Panel** icon in the Main window of Program Manager.
- 2 Double-click the **Printers** icon. The Printers window will then open.
- 3 Select **AL-800 Series**, and then click the **Connect** button.
- 4 Select **File** from the list of options in the Ports window, and then click the **OK** button.
- 5 Select the new printer you would like to use from the list in the Installed Printers window, and then click the **Connect** button.
- 6 Select the printer port to use for the new printer, and then click the **OK** button.

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Click the **Set As Default Printer** button, and then click the **Close** button.



Note

To use the AL-800 series again, perform the same procedure but select the port to be used (for example, LPT1) in step 4.

UNINSTALLING PRINTER DRIVER

If the printer driver is not installed correctly or if you no longer use this printer, uninstall the printer driver from your computer using the following procedure.

1

If using Windows 95/Windows 98/Windows NT 4.0, click **Start, Program, SHARP AL-800 Series, and Uninstall AL-800 Series**.

If using Windows 3.1x, double-click the **SHARP AL-800 Series** icon in Program Manager and double-click the **Uninstall AL-800 Series** icon.

2

When the "Confirm File Deletion" window appears, click the **Yes** button.

3

When the "Remove Programs From Your Computer" window appears, click the **OK** button.



Note

If you uninstall either the SHARP AL-800 Series or AL-1000 Series printer driver after you have installed both drivers, the other printer may not function properly. In this case, install again the printer driver for the printer you will use.

3

Printer trouble?

4 APPENDIX

SPECIFICATIONS

Resolution	600 or 300 can be selected. 1,800 dpi equivalent x 600 dpi through Super Image Enhancement Technology (SIET) is possible.
Page description language	SHARP GDI
Page orientation	Portrait or landscape
First print time	Approx. 20 seconds*
Print speed	Max. 8 pages per minute (letter or A4)
Interface port	Bi-directional parallel interface (IEEE 1284 compliant)

* First print time may differ depending on operating conditions, such as power-supply voltage and room temperature.
Also the time may differ depending on data quantity to be printed and applications.



Note

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PARALLEL INTERFACE

This printer uses a bi-directional parallel interface. Use the interface cable attached to the AL-840.



Caution

- Use the parallel interface cable specified by SHARP for prevention of external radio wave interference. For details, contact your SHARP service centre.
- For specifications of the parallel interface of your computer, see its operation manual.

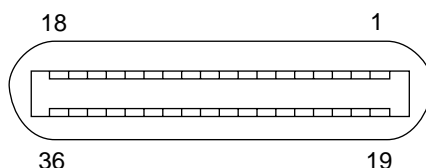
Connector

36-pin DDK 57LE-40360-730B (D29) female connector or equivalent connector

Cable

Shielded type bi-directional parallel interface

For best results, use a printer interface cable which is IEEE 1284 compliant.



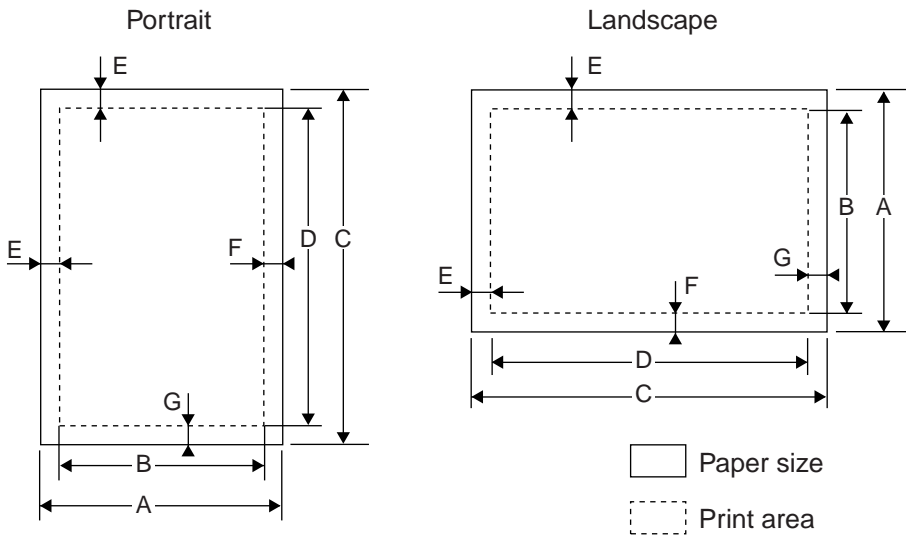
Pin configuration

The pin numbers and signal names are listed in the following table.

Pin No.	Signal name	Pin No.	Signal name
1	STB	19	GND (STB RET)
2	DATA1	20	GND (DATA1 RET)
3	DATA2	21	GND (DATA2 RET)
4	DATA3	22	GND (DATA3 RET)
5	DATA4	23	GND (DATA4 RET)
6	DATA5	24	GND (DATA5 RET)
7	DATA6	25	GND (DATA6 RET)
8	DATA7	26	GND (DATA7 RET)
9	DATA8	27	GND (DATA8 RET)
10	ACKNLG	28	GND (ACKNLG RET)
11	BUSY	29	GND (BUSY RET)
12	PE (Paper End)	30	GND (PE RET)
13	SLTC	31	INPRM
14	AUTO LF	32	FAULT
15	(NC)	33	(NC)
16	GND (0 V)	34	(NC)
17	FG	35	+5V
18	+5V	36	SLTC IN

PRINT AREA

The print area of this printer is shown below.



600 dpi

Paper size	Dots						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Letter	5100	4904	6600	6400	100	96	100
Legal	5100	4904	8400	8200	100	96	100
Invoice	3300	3104	5100	4900	100	96	100
A4	4960	4760	7015	6815	100	100	100
A5	3496	3296	4960	4760	100	100	100
B5	4299	4104	6070	5870	100	95	100
Folio	5100	4904	7800	7600	100	96	100
Foolscap	5100	4904	7440	7240	100	96	100

300 dpi

Paper size	Dots						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Letter	2550	2456	3300	3200	50	44	50
Legal	2550	2456	4200	4100	50	44	50
Invoice	1650	1552	2550	2450	50	48	50
A4	2480	2384	3507	3407	50	46	50
A5	1748	1648	2480	2380	50	50	50
B5	2149	2056	3035	2935	50	43	50
Folio	2550	2456	3900	3800	50	44	50
Foolscap	2550	2456	3720	3620	50	44	50

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